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8 new settlements set for West Bank

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government reportedly approved this week eight new settlements on the crest of the Samarian hills, where much of the West Bank Arab population is concentrated, including the embryo of a city, Upper Nablus, overlooking the Arab city.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that the cabinet had approved eight new settlements on Sunday, but a spokesman of the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department told *The Jerusalem Post* that the department had proposed only two new civilian settlements and three military outposts (*ma'ahazim*) that can later be converted into civilian settlements.

All eight sites are on the crest of the hills, rather than on the western slopes of Samaria close to the Green Line where most settlement activity has been carried out to date, and where the Arab population is relatively sparse.

The most significant of the new settlements reportedly approved is the one designated for Ma'ahaz Tracha overlooking Nablus. The

chairman of the Settlement Department, Mattityahu Droblin, has proposed the creation here of Upper Nablus which will eventually number 2,000-5,000 families. At the beginning, however, it will be a rural "community settlement."

The department spokesman said that the "technical means" did not presently exist for developing the three sites proposed as *ma'ahazim* into settlements. The request for government approval of the new sites was made about three weeks ago and had nothing to do with the political situation in the area. "It's according to our development timetable," he said.

Our Knesset Correspondent adds:

Mapam leader Victor Shemtov called for an urgent meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee to discuss the "eight Nahal outposts on the West Bank being transformed into regular civilian settlements."

Shemtov said the government decision was deliberately timed to slam the door in the face of Jordan's King Hussein and create an even

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Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, alleged to be the spiritual leader of the suspects accused of plotting to invade the Temple Mount on March 10, is greeted by his supporters outside Jerusalem police headquarters yesterday. (See story — page 3). (Rahamim Israeli)

Elon, Herzog in close race — vote to

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset plenum convenes today to elect Israel's sixth president in a secret ballot. But late last night there was no knowing who will succeed President Yitzhak Navon: Supreme Court Justice Prof. Menachem Elon, or Alignment candidate, Chaim Herzog.

The latest development has a Tami executive decision: its three MKs to vote as they see fit. But the coalition remains at a row edge.

Herut faction chairmen Milo and make

Israel to give war secrets to U.S.

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will give U.S. defence experts access to top secret information it has gleaned from the war in Lebanon, even though the two governments have failed to conclude a new agreement to provide for such an exchange.

The first American team from the U.S. Air Force is due here early next month, in the first step of a "fruitful programme of information exchange." Defence Minister Moshe Arens told reporters here yesterday. In Washington U.S. officials welcomed Israel's decision.

Israel began collecting and assessing the data shortly after the war. Last November Andrew Marshall, a Department of Defence official, came here and drafted an agreement with then-defence

minister Ariel Sharon and Ben Zion Naveh, head of the Defence Ministry's research and development division.

However, U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger refused to endorse it and present his own, shorter version which Israel did not accept.

Israeli defence sources said talks broke down because of insistence that the information be passed on to other countries without its consent in NATO. The U.S. did not

"Since so much time has and since a number of standings have occurred, Israel's willingness to share this information with the U.S. decided to initiate sharing this information."

Sharon firmly opposed

Jerusalem Post Staff

Former defence minister Ariel Sharon has expressed firm objections to the policies and viewpoints of his successor Moshe Arens on several aspects of the negotiations in Lebanon and other defence issues.

Reliable sources in Jerusalem said that in Sunday's cabinet meeting and at other ministerial consultations, Sharon angrily and sharply objected to Arens' agreement to allow a U.S. Air Force mission to come to Israel and receive information on the military lessons of the Lebanon war.

In consultations prior to the meeting with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib on Sunday, Sharon

firmly opposed Arens' position on the mission. Sharon, it is said, should not mandate for a presence in South Lebanon.

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Travel tax approved in Knesset by 10 votes

Jerusalem Post Staff

The government's proposal for a 50 travel tax was passed by the Knesset last night by 44 votes to 34. The three Tami MKs and two liberals, Dror Zeigerman and Itzhak Berman, were not in the chamber during the vote.

About ten opposition MKs, including opposition leader Shimon Peres, were also absent. They were attending a reception at the Chief Rabbinate, according to Israel Radio.

The tax, presently IS2,100 will be added to inflation. It will not apply to visits to countries with which Israel has land borders.

It was after 9.00 last night before Deputy Haim Kaufman submitted the tax to the Knesset.

Kaufman said that the estimated \$1 billion revenue from the tax in 1983 was designed to cover part of the annual IS2b. cost of increasing children's allowances from the fourth child and giving other benefits to large families.

He made no mention of the IS1b. approved by the cabinet on Sunday for yeshivot and schools of Agudat Israel and the National Religious Party.

Kaufman justified the travel tax in the grounds that, unlike other import products, foreign travel is not subject to tax. If a 15 per cent

Value Added Tax were levied on foreign travel, it would come to more than the proposed tax, he said.

This was challenged by Shevah Weiss (Alignment), who said that there are popularly-priced trips that cost only \$300, and on these the \$50 tax constitutes more than 15 per cent.

The tax is unprogressive, Weiss asserted, since the flat sum of \$50 applies equally to trips to nearby European destinations and to a trip to, say, Australia.

The Alignment, meeting before the session, decided to vote against the \$50 travel tax. Alignment leader Shimon Peres said that when the Alignment was in power it made a mistake to impose the tax, and it did not want to see the mistake repeated.

The proposed tax was regressive, he said, and in any case the Treasury still had unspent reserves of IS20b. which it had collected on account of the war in Lebanon and which could be used to pay for the large families law.

In Tel Aviv, foreign airlines said that the decision to impose the tax was a violation of the convention of the International Civil Aviation Organization which Israel had joined. They sent a protest cable to the ministers of finance, transport and tourism.

Way found for granting big family allowances

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Increased child allowances for large families are to be introduced through existing regulations and not by a new law, it was decided yesterday, after State Attorney Yitzhak Amir expressed concern lest a new law could be interpreted as racial discrimination against Israel's Arab citizens.

According to the proposed law, drafted in line with a coalition obligation to the Tami party, millions of citizens who have served the Israel Defence Forces are to receive an additional allowance of IS820 for every child from the fourth.

The Treasury estimates the cost of the larger allowances at IS1.8 billion. The draft law was to have been brought before the Knesset plenum yesterday, but Zahir's opinion used a change in its method of implementation.

The bulk of Israel's families, those sons do not serve in the armed forces, would be totally excluded from the increased benefit. The existing demobilized soldiers law, which already includes additional allowances for families of soldiers, provides a suitable framework for

the new proposal, covering almost the entire Jewish population of Israel, the Druze population and other minorities families. The law will require certain revision, however, which must be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee.

The committee was expected to meet last night.

Before acting on the revised law, the committee will need to reform its own decision approving the IS1.123 billion budget for 1983, which does not provide the funds for the larger allowances.

The IS1.123b. budget was approved after being submitted by the head of the committee, MK Shlomo Lorincz, without taking into account the extra billion-plus shekels — an oversight used by the opposition members to embarrass the Coalition.

The government is still expected shortly to submit a large families assistance law. This would not include child allowances, but would entitle large families to such benefits as assistance with regard to municipal taxes, transportation costs and school supplies. Such a bill, expected to cost some IS200 million, would apply to the entire population.

Over 100% subsidy goin to Aguda boarding schools

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Several Agudat Yisrael boarding schools already subsidized to the same extent as other boarding schools will receive an extra IS200 million from the government under the new coalition deal, government officials told *The Jerusalem Post*.

According to the officials, the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry already now gives IS200 million for pupils of Sephardi origin in those yeshivot, where they are the vast majority.

As a result of the recent coalition deal, the ministry's aid will be doubled. Under the previous arrangement, the subsidy for each pupil was 85 per cent, the same as that given for pupils at any other boarding school. Some of the 85 per cent subsidy came from the Education and Religious Affairs ministries.

The officials' version was denied yesterday by the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael), who said that the boarding schools receive from the state only 60 per cent of the cost of educating each child.

But the officials later insisted that this does not include help from

other sources such as the and the Religious Affairs Ministry. At any rate, if the Ministry provided 60 per cent before the coalition deal, now be providing well over 100 per cent.

According to the officials, the boarding schools are affiliated to Agudat Yisrael.

When asked for a reaction, some Knesset Committee members expressed surprise.

One member told the committee that the aid would be distributed among Agudat schools of all the party's.

(Who's a Jew Bill fails)

RPGs fired at IDF

Jerusalem Post Staff

Guns fired at IDF Defence Forces patrol south of Beirut yesterday, but caused no casualties, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the attack took place at Bhamdoun mountains overlooking Lebanese capital.

Europe averts crisis; mark up, franc down

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — The European Community's finance ministers averted a crisis on currency markets yesterday by agreeing to revalue upward West Germany's mark and devalue the French franc.

The deal, part of a general reshuffle of the eight currencies in the European Monetary System (EMS), ended — at least temporarily — a deep Franco-West German rift which emerged during three days of acrimonious negotiations in Brussels.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg announced the deal as the Community's 10

heads of government gathered for a summit meeting which diplomats had feared would be marred by angry exchanges between Paris and Bonn.

Stoltenberg told a news conference that the mark — boosted by the re-election of conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl two weeks ago — had been revalued upward by 5.5 per cent in the eight-currency EMS float.

The French franc, twice devalued in less than two years and at the centre of turmoil for weeks on money markets, had been shifted downwards by 2.5 per cent, he said.

Among other currencies, the

Dutch guilder was revalued by 3.5 per cent, the Danish crown by 2.5 per cent and the Belgian and Luxembourg francs by 1.5 per cent.

The Italian lira moved down 2.5 per cent alongside the French franc, while Ireland's punt was devalued by 3.5 per cent.

The reshuffle meant that official currency trading — suspended when finance ministers failed to agree Sunday — could resume on European foreign exchange markets.

The *Jerusalem Post* Economic Reporter adds:

Senior economic officials in Jerusalem were optimistic yesterday

about the overall effect of the rency changes: exports many and France's but imports from those from France, likely to decrease because become more expensive.

Banks continued European currencies only after the Euro became known at the close of the day, the rate of exchange was 1 cent against the franc 4.4 per cent against the mark.

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Doctors, ministers agree on panel of experts

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The talks between the Treasury and the Israel Medical Association inched forward yesterday, after the striking doctors agreed to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's proposal to set up an experts' committee with "full authority" to discuss — and decide upon — the doctors' demands for higher wages and shorter hours.

Following a one-hour meeting with Aridor and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, where the IMA's demands for prior definition of the committee's "terms of reference and authority" were apparently satisfied, the committee met for two hours to discuss "procedural matters."

The committee, with six representatives from each side (including the directors-general of the Health and Finance ministries), is scheduled to meet this morning at 11.00.

While no one was willing to come down firmly on the side of optimism yesterday, it appeared that a slight thaw had taken place.

"A chairman Dr. Ram Ishai that while it is still too early to say, some slim thread of hope exists and we should give these a chance," said a source.

day's meeting with Aridor

was the direct result of Sunday's cabinet decision calling on the finance minister to break the deadlock in the talks and act to bring the strike, already in its 21st day, to a rapid conclusion.

The talks came to a dead halt for four days before yesterday's renewed efforts, mainly because the IMA refused to accept the proposal Aridor made last Wednesday. The doctors viewed the proposed "experts' committee" as a "regression" to the 11 months of non-productive talks that preceded the outbreak of the strike on March 2.

The doctors have hinted that "new suggestions" have been made by Aridor, but they gave no details. "Aridor made far-reaching promises that we have never heard until now," a senior IMA official said after the meeting with the two ministers.

Many of the country's 8,500 doctors are concerned about where their salaries will come from at the end of the month — and the Pessah holiday — approaches. The Jerusalem Post has learned that the IMA announced last week that it plans to distribute a Pessah (money gift) to the striking doctors, but it has not yet indicated how much money each will receive.

The employers, for their part, have made it clear that no salaries will be paid to striking doctors.

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Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor meets yesterday with Col. Le Maitre, leader of a group of 200 French paratroopers aged 60 and over, currently visiting Israel. Today they are due to take part in a parachute jump together with IDF paratroopers at a base somewhere in Israel. (Haran)

IDF commander in the field denies U.S. Marines' charge

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

ALEY, Lebanon. — Tal-Aluf Amnon Lifkin said yesterday that his soldiers have strict orders to avoid any conflict with U.S. Marines in the Multi-National Force and denied that the IDF fires randomly in areas where peacekeepers or civilians are located.

Lifkin, in an interview with the Associated Press at his headquarters in this mountain town 24 kilometres east of Beirut, said he was puzzled over why the marines behave "as if we are their greatest enemy in the area." Lifkin is in charge of the IDF deployment from outskirts of Beirut to Sidon, 40 metres south of the capital.

responded to Sunday's comment by the marine commander in Col. James Mead, who said the IDF for firing randomly while patrolling in areas near the lines to drive away possi-

ble terrorists. Mead said the 1,200 U.S. peacekeepers and civilians in the area were endangered by the Israelis' "gross lack of fire discipline and very poor tactics."

"To the best of my knowledge this (random shooting) is not happening, especially not in built-up areas where anyone from the Multi-National Force has positions," said Lifkin. "Col. Mead should inform us when he last saw or heard about it."

Meanwhile, in Washington State Department officials yesterday once again expressed hope that the U.S. and Israel have come up with new procedures to avoid further tensions between the Marines and Israeli troops in Lebanon. They said this issue was reviewed in considerable detail during a meeting yesterday between Defence Minister Moshe Arens and the U.S. Ambassador in Tel Aviv, Samuel Lewis.

Arba man held for violence

Arba resident, Arye ... yesterday ordered ... trial on the charge ... pistol shots in the ... Arab home in ... caused injury to ... girl. Jerusalem ...

According to the charge sheet, Bar-Yosef and other young men from Kiryat Arba were walking to Hebron on February 26. When they reached the Wadi el-Husseini quarter, he started to utter curses and shouted, among others, "Death to the Arabs." At one point he fired nine pistol shots towards the Ja'ar family house. The shots penetrated a winduppane and glass fragments wounded Aliah Ja'ar.

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Yam was murdered last summer and parts of her dismembered body were subsequently washed up along the Mediterranean coast.

Israel Television reported earlier in the evening that authoritative sources had confirmed that Nava was murdered as an "entrance test" to a terrorist organization, as Chief-of-Staff Rafael Eitan claimed in a newspaper interview last weekend. (Him)

WAR SECRETS

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whether he was not worried it would reach the Arab countries, Arens replied: "We are concerned" and went on to draw attention to the rules of the "existing agreements," which he said obligate the U.S. not to release any information to third parties without prior consent by Israel.

Jerusalem Post correspondent Wolf Blitzer adds from Washington: Arens, one U.S. official said, was clearly anxious to remove this issue from the list of problems straining the American-Israeli relationship.

The U.S. official noted that Israel, over the past six months, had already passed along a considerable amount of the war-related information — even without any formal agreement. He said the Pentagon, especially the air force, is anxious to obtain the rest.

In recent weeks, relations between the U.S. and Israeli military have been seriously eroded. In part, this was due to the statement involving the war lessons that the major factor is the highly publicized friction involving U.S. Marines attached to the multi-national peace-keeping force in Lebanon and Israeli soldiers there. Observers here suggested that Arens was apparently willing to back away from Israel's earlier position on the sharing of the war lessons as a good will gesture to the Americans.

Bills on 'Who's a Jew' beaten in Knesset vote

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The "Who is a Jew" amendments of Agudat Yisrael and Haim Druckman (National Religious Party) failed on their preliminary reading yesterday. The vote was 58-50. One opposition member, Aharon Nahmias (Alignment), voted for the bills.

Coalition discipline was not imposed, and attention during the vote focused on the Liberals. They split three ways, five voting for the bills, six voting against, and two (Ministers Gideon Palti and Avraham Shafir) not voting.

The five who voted for the bills were Zvi Renner, Benny Shalita, Pinhas Goldstein, Eliezer Kolas, and Justice Minister Moshe Nisn.

The six who voted against were Sara Doron, Yitzhak Berman, Dan Tichon, Dror Zeigerman, Ariel Weinstein, and Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich.

Speaker Menahem Savidor, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, Pessah Grupper, Yehuda Perah, and Yitzhak Serger were not in the chamber.

Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat abstained.

Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Alignment) stayed out of the chamber. He told The Jerusalem Post that in the last Knesset he voted in favour of a similar bill by Rabbi Kalman Kahana (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), which passed both its preliminary reading and its first

reading, but then died in commit-tee.

Although the bills had no chance of passing this time, Hacohen said, the sponsors had presented them, thus injuring their own cause.

The Knesset voted against the bills which declared that only converts whose conversion had been "according to Halacha" would be recognized as Jews under the Law of Return.

Avraham Shapira, who presented the Aguda bill, said it was possible to get a Reform conversion in the U.S. by telephone, for \$5,000.

Druckman denied that the amendment was aimed against Jews of any stream, or that it would divide the nation. On the contrary, its object was to unite the nation. "With a full heart," he urged Reform and Conservative Jews in the Diaspora to "come home" to Israel.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said that conversion according to Halacha has at least one advantage: "everybody knows what it is."

He quoted Spinoza as saying that if the Jews keep up the rite of circumcision they would survive as a people and might succeed in returning to their land.

Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) opposed the bills. He pointed out that the Law of Return was a secular law, and that the definition of a Jew for its purpose had no connection with the rules of marriage and divorce followed by the Chief Rabbinate.

Hussein to meet Arafat

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Reporter

and agencies

Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat is due to meet with Jordan's King Hussein in Amman at the beginning of next month — an encounter which Hussein has said will have a "crucial" bearing on his decision whether or not to join the U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process.

The meeting was announced yesterday by one of Arafat's top aides, Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad), in an interview with Jordan's English-language daily Jordan Times.

Wazir is quoted as telling the paper that the two leaders would discuss "new dimensions" the PLO wishes to add to Jordanian conditions for joining the peace process on the basis of the initiative announced last week by King Hussein.

launched by U.S. President Ronald Reagan last September.

An indication that the need for an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza may be one of the "new dimensions" Arafat and Hussein will discuss came yesterday from another top PLO leader, Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad).

Speaking to the radical Kuwait daily al-Wakeel, Arafat's No. 2 man in the mainstream Fatah organization, made it plain that the PLO would authorize Hussein to enter the peace process only on the basis of the peace plan adopted at last September's Arab summit in Fez. The plan, unlike the Reagan blueprint, calls for an independent Palestinian state.

The Palestinians, he stressed, have endorsed the Fez plan as "the maximum level of concessions the PLO would give in the interest of peace."

Deadline set for teachers' pay deal

By REA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The teachers' unions have given Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor until tomorrow to agree on ways to implement the Etzioni Commission recommendations on wages, working conditions and teacher training. If such an agreement is not reached by then, the teachers threaten to declare a labour dispute. They would then be legally able to strike after the Pessah holiday.

At a negotiating session in Jerusalem yesterday, Finance Ministry officials said the recommendations should be implemented

only within the Education Ministry budget. But Ministry officials said that this would be impossible.

The teachers replied that the details concerning where the money comes from do not interest them. Eliezer Shmueli, director-general of the Education Ministry, requested that the teachers not take any action until tomorrow so that the two ministers could discuss the issue. The teachers agreed.

The Etzioni Commission on teachers' pay and conditions, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Moshe Etzioni, presented its recommendations in December 1979. Its main proposal was a pay increase of between 30-60 per cent for all teachers.

'Ha'aretz' goes tabloid again as dispute continues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ha'aretz will appear in a small format for the second day today because its printers are on strike. The newspaper is being published at another press, and the Printers' Union said it will take steps to stop publication there.

The dispute is over introduction of a photo setting system, replacing the use of metal type, which produces better quality printing than Ha'aretz's current press.

The matter came to a head after the newspaper last Thursday published an economics and finance supplement using a photo-setting system. The newspaper's own workers reacted by a walk out on Saturday night.

The Hebrew morning daily did not appear on Sunday but yesterday a small format edition — published on the press which prints Ha'aretz — was distributed. Today's newspaper is also to be published at that press, management said.

France to extradite Ya'acov Shemesh

TEL AVIV (Itim). — France has decided to extradite to Israel the fugitive Ya'acov Shemesh, a suspect in the murder of Ramle Detention Centre warden Ronnie Nitzan. Israel Police officers have already arrived in Paris to escort Shemesh home.

In very deep sorrow, we announce the death of my husband, the head of our family

DAVID SCHIFF

The funeral took place on Monday, March 21, 1983 at the Givat Shaul cemetery. Shiva at the house of the deceased, 12 Rehov Hapalmah, Jerusalem, Tel. 666808.

Mourners: His wife, Raja (formerly Shlom) and her son

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JOE DANOVITCH

and extend heartfelt condolences to all the family.

Our beloved father

DINAND (Ferry) FEHER

from Bratislava, has passed away.

We mourn him deeply.

Daughter — Erika Zohar, Haifa
Son — Dyuri Feher, California
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

funeral will take place at 10.00 a.m. today, Tuesday, March 22, 1983, at the old cemetery, Hof Hacarmel.

We will meet at the main cemetery entrance.

Handwritten signature: J. H. Schiff

House arrest order for 29 Temple Mount plot suspects

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 29 Jews arrested last week for allegedly plotting to break into the Temple Mount via an underground passage were placed under house arrest yesterday by the Jerusalem District Court, with each detainee posting a \$5,000 bond.

Official police spokesmen told *The Jerusalem Post* that guards could not be posted at the front door of each of the detainees, who were given permission by the court to leave their homes only for Sabbath and holiday synagogue services.

However, senior police sources are confident that, as in the past, "they have their ways" to see that the house arrest terms are not violated. The house arrests for the Temple Mount suspects last until the end of court proceedings against them.

A possible explanation for the house arrests was given last night by informed sources, who said that concern has not died down in police and security service circles that there may be a renewed effort to create a Jewish foothold on the Temple Mount before or during Pessah.

Court observers noted that while the \$5,000 bond seemed "lenient," the house arrest terms indicate the severity with which the court views the alleged attempt.

Police sources said yesterday that the Temple Mount attempt by nationalist Jews, combined with the approaching Lands Day — when Arab demonstrators have turned violent in the past — has forced them to beef up their presence in East Jerusalem, particularly in the area of the Mount.

Yesterday, stone throwing and tire burning by Arab youngsters who walked out of East Jerusalem schools, accompanied a two-hour commercial strike and general prayer called for by the Wakf, the Supreme Moslem Council that controls the two mosques on the mount. Police said there were no injuries reported as a result of the sporadic violence, and that they were surprised that "only a few hundred" Moslems turned out for a special prayer to protest against the Jewish takeover bid.

According to sources in the city, last week's alleged attempt may have involved plans to "take hostage" some section of the mount, while negotiating with the government for permission to hold a lamb sacrifice on Pessah seder eve.

Said one official linked to the investigation: "Remember what some of these people were threatening to do at Yarmut." Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, the former rabbi of Yarmut, who was among the most militant of the anti-withdrawal Sinai settlers last year, is allegedly the "spiritual leader" of the takeover attempt.

Although there are stepped up uniformed and plainclothes patrols in the vicinity of the mount, police will rely on undercover intelligence in their effort to prevent another Jewish takeover bid at the site.

The Post Knesset Reporter adds: Any unauthorized change in the arrangements at the Temple Mount is liable to bring about a serious disruption of public order, Interior Minister Yosef Burg said yesterday.

He was replying in the Knesset to five motions for the agenda on the recent incident.

Burg said that the government's policy is to guard the holy places of all religions, and to enable free access to these places, while "preserving the law, a proper balance, and the public peace."

The motions were presented by Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment), Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui), Meir Wilner (Democratic Front), Geula Cohen (Tehiya), and Haim Druckman (National Religious Party). They were all referred to committee.

SEDER. — Seven Haifa hotels have invited 20 lonely old people to attend their Pessah seder.



A tractor comes to a halt alongside the Jordan River at a section of a border security road which was washed away during the last round of rainfall. (IPPA)

Navon makes last official tour, visits Arab village

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday made his last scheduled tour before he leaves office in six weeks and became the first Israeli president to visit the Arab village of Abu Ghosh.

The 4,000 residents received him warmly, chatting in Arabic and calling him "one of our own," and the children waved plastic Israeli flags, trying to catch his attention and shake his hand.

Although it was Navon's first visit to the village 12 kilometres west of Jerusalem since he took office, he recognized many of the elders from previous visits going back to 1947. "When I was head of the Arabic department of the Hagana," Navon said, "I was ordered to tell the villagers that for their own safety, they had better leave. But I gave them a personal guarantee that whoever left would be able to return to his home after the War of Independence."

As a result of his warning, two-thirds of the villagers left, and the rest sought refuge from the fighting in the Crusader Church inside the village. All those who fled eventually returned.

Addressing notables and youngsters in the courtyard of the modern Abu Ghosh school, Navon

said, "The Turks came and went, the British arrived and left, but the Jews and the Arabs are fated to live together forever."

Speaking in Arabic, Navon praised Israeli Arabs, "and especially you of Abu Ghosh," for "successfully standing up to incitement" and remaining "responsible and loyal" to the State of Israel. The solution to all their problems, he said, is peace.

Led by Mukhtar Haj Mussa Abu Ghosh, a descendant of the man who established the village about 700 years ago, Navon first visited the local mosque, and accepted the prayers of the religious leaders. He then walked to the adjacent Crusader Church, where he listened to a "Hallelujah" welcome from the French-speaking Benedictine monks and nuns.

He also toured the modern Kupat Holim clinic, which last February replaced a "clinic" that lacked electricity, water and toilets, and which is staffed by Jewish doctors and nurses who stated that they were going on as usual, despite the doctors' strike.

Navon, joined by his wife Ofira, spent over an hour in two classes in the school, quizzing them in Arabic and emerging to declare: "They show an extremely high level of study."

New Arab terror threat to London Jews

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Jewish community is taking "very seriously" a press report yesterday that four "fanatical Arab terrorists" have slipped into London "with a mission to kill leading Israelis."

According to the report in the mass circulation *Sun* newspaper, the terrorists are members of the Abu Nidal group, three of whom were recently sent to prison for attempting to assassinate Ambassador Shlomo Argov last June.

The four new arrivals, it is suggested, may be here to try to free their colleagues as well as to seek out new targets from a hit list of 100 names which they have brought with them. They are also reported to be well armed.

While Scotland Yard said they know nothing about the report, a senior member of the Jewish community involved with communal security said that he is taking the report very seriously. He said that the Board of Deputies of British Jews "has alerted the community and has urged it to step up its security deterrent and to arrange for extra vigilance."

FASHION. — A fashion show of Gideon Oberson bathing suits and beachwear was held on Sunday evening at Asia House to benefit WIZO's children's institutions.

A monkey trial, local style

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Evolution was tried in Jerusalem this week and found guilty of failing to meet the standards of a scientific theory by the First Congress on Inquiries into the Origin of Life and Evolution. The congress, which ended yesterday, was organized by a group of Orthodox scientists from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and sponsored by the Ministry of Education. It was held on the Mt. Scopus campus of the Hebrew University, which only let

space for the gathering. Prof. Ephraim Urbach, whose field is Jewish thought, denied the congress was "anti-scientific." He told participants that orthodox scientists must use scientific concepts and methods in dealing with scientific questions.

Most speakers did indeed use scientific arguments to dismiss the theory of evolution as "speculation," "secular dogma," or "myth." Only a few defended the theory on scientific grounds.

But most, after rejecting the

theory of evolution on scientific grounds, failed to offer an alternative theory to account for the origin and development of life. Instead they reaffirmed their belief in divine creation.

Speakers adopting this approach included Prof. Yirmiyahu Branover, Moshe Trop, and Alvin Radkowsky of BGU; Dr. Lee Spetner, an engineer and statistician; and Dr. Duane Gish, an organic chemist and one of the most vocal advocates of creationism in the U.S. (Continued on back page)

Police call Zalmanson 'fussy' over raid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police said yesterday former Prisoner of Zion Sylvia Zalmanson was the only person in 100 such cases to make a fuss, when policemen came to her apartment last Friday at 2 a.m. to collect an IS300 fine for illegal parking.

"All (other) citizens acted impeccably except Mrs. Zalmanson," Nitzav-Mishne Shimon Savir, head of the Shefela police district, said yesterday.

According to Zalmanson's account and that of a neighbour, one man wore a uniform covered by a

jacket and the other was in civilian dress. Zalmanson said she did not identify the uniform, and, fearing they were criminals, closed the door; whereupon the two tried to break it open.

In a statement yesterday Savir said Zalmanson had been served with three-notice to pay, and police who went to her apartment had a warrant for her arrest. They were authorized to detain her until the fine is paid and "under such circumstances they may come at 3 a.m.," a police spokesman said. In 90 per cent of the cases, people are home at that hour, he explained.

Savir criticized Zalmanson for comparing Israeli to Soviet police. He was commenting on her remark that the middle-of-the-night action reminded her of Stalin's police.

He also criticized Zalmanson's neighbour, David Babai, who had said one of the policemen smelled as if he had been drinking.

"There is no basis to that and I view gravely besmirching two dedicated policemen who fulfilled their duties."

He did not comment on Babai's assertion that a duty officer slammed down the phone when he called to check with the police.

'I shot Aluf Marcus' sentry speaks up

Jerusalem Post Staff

The identity of the man who 35 years ago accidentally shot and killed the first brigadier general in the Israel Defence Forces, has just been made public. Eliezer Liron-Linsky tells how he killed Aluf David Marcus in the latest issue of *Montin* magazine.

Marcus, a much decorated soldier who retired from the U.S. Army in 1947 with the rank of colonel, served as David Ben-Gurion's military adviser under the *nom de guerre* of Mickey Stone. In May 1948 he was appointed commander of the Jerusalem front and was the first IDF officer to receive the rank of aluf, then brigadier (today major)-general.

Liron-Linsky, a horse breeder in Rishpon, was then a Palmach soldier. He was on sentry duty the night of June 11, 1948 at Marcus's headquarters in Abu Ghosh, outside Jerusalem, when he saw a figure wrapped in a sheet walking outside the perimeter fence.

"I asked, 'Who's there?' And I

heard some mumbling in English," Liron-Linsky relates. "The figure, which was wrapped in a white sheet, began running. I was sure it was some Arab who had gone crazy and I fired in the air. The man didn't stop."

"I was very close to him. I ran towards him and shot instinctively from the hip, without aiming. One shot and he fell. I am completely

certain that I hit him," Liron-Linsky said.

Ben-Gurion appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the circumstances of Marcus's death, but its findings were never made public. Marcus's body was transferred to the U.S., where it was buried with full military honours at West Point. Mishmar David, a settlement in Judea, is named after him.

Dawn TV slot for Lubavitcher Rebbe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson will apparently star "live" on Israeli TV at 4 a.m. on Friday, as he delivers an address in Brooklyn, New York on his 81st birthday.

Micha Yonin, the National Religious Party representative on the Broadcasting Authority's board of directors, had asked TV House to transmit the rebbe's address on TV this week since it was taking place at a time when TV is off the air

anyway. TV management responded that if the Communications Ministry were willing to turn on its transmitters early Friday morning, the three-hour address could be picked up via satellite on any TV screen in Israel.

Habad hassidim had planned a mass video screening of the speech in Kfar Habad and in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Uma. But in order that every hassid could see the event, they even offered to pay TV technicians if necessary for their overtime.

Strike call leads to Nablus curfew

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A call by the Wakf, the supreme Moslem religious authority in the West Bank, for a commercial and educational strike yesterday was only partially successful outside of Jerusalem; although disturbances in the market in Nablus led to a curfew being imposed.

Curfews on the town of Halhoul and four refugee camps in the West Bank have been in force for almost two weeks and a partial curfew has been imposed on Al-Amari camp. Military patrols are now regularly stationed in the traditional trouble spots: where main roads in the areas run past the camps.

Stone-throwing was reported from the Tarkumiye, Hebron and Ramallah areas yesterday. A few windcreens were reportedly smashed, but no injuries were reported.

In Nablus several merchants tried to observe the call for a commercial strike, but local sources reported that their stores were forced open by the Border Police.

In El-Bireh there was unrest at some of the schools and in Kalkiya slogans were seen calling for demonstrations on Land Day, which falls on March 30.

Senior Soviet official pays visit to Syria

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — The vice-president of the Supreme Soviet, Temerbek Kosoyev, began a week-long visit to Syria yesterday with a strong declaration of Soviet support for Damascus, the official Syrian news agency SANA said.

Begin gets credit for aid to Falashas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Public Council for Ethiopian Jewry, at its inaugural meeting at the Knesset yesterday, heard Minister-without-Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat pay tribute to Premier Menachem Begin's efforts on behalf of the Falashas.

"We must ensure that Falashas are given a better welcome than that extended to certain other Jewish communities who arrived here in the past with their own customs and heritage. Falasha priests must be treated with respect, and we should build the Falashas a spiritual centre of their own."

The meeting was also addressed by Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, MK Geula Cohen and MK Dror Zeigerman, who recently returned from a visit to Ethiopia.

Reporting on his first visit to Ethiopia in 15 years, a Falasha resident of Lod — Yeshayahu Ben-Baruch — said there is serious unemployment among the Falashas, and in Addis Ababa Falashas with diplomas are being offered jobs as porters.

He said: "Yes, there is anti-Semitism there, and I did not visit my home town because, frankly, I was afraid. The Falashas have no economic opportunities, and there is not enough food."

The Public Council for Ethiopian Jewry, initiated by the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, is headed by Beersheba Mayor Eliyahu Nawi. He said the organization will enlist public opinion all over the world for the Falashas' immigration cause. The council has been given space in the Tel Aviv offices of B'nai B'rith and will meet twice a year, he said.

Postponed local polls scheduled for October

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — The government will do all it can to ensure that municipal elections are held by October this year, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman said on Sunday.

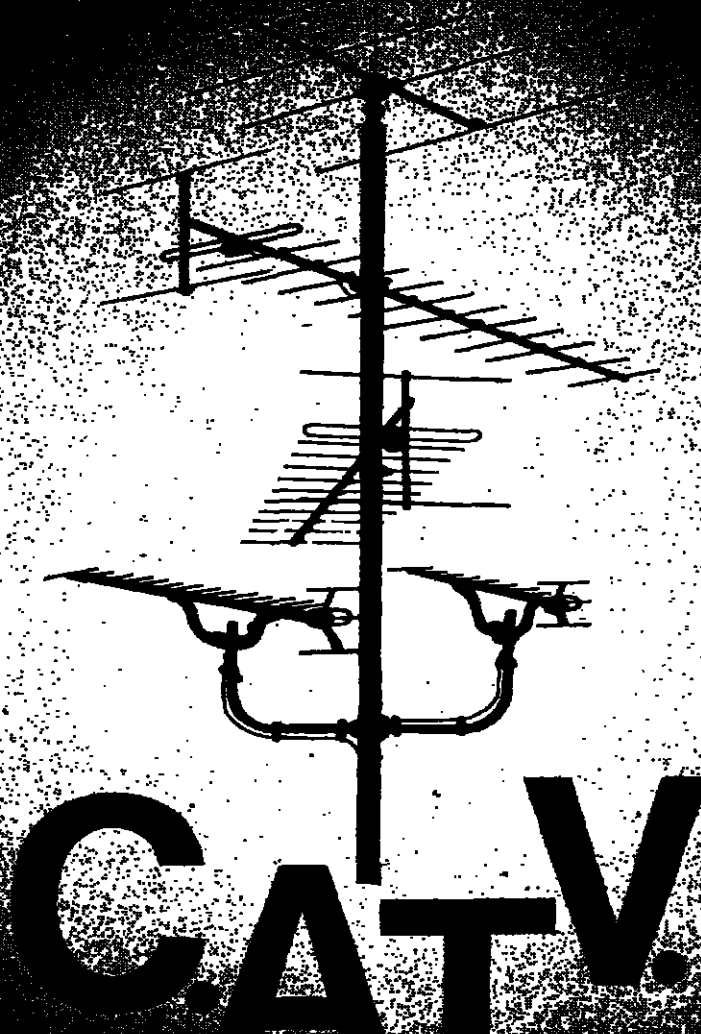
Addressing a study day on local government at Bar-Ilan University, Kaufman added that on the same day Jewish local councils in the West Bank and in Gaza will also hold their first elections.

The nation's local elections were due to be held last November but were postponed because of the Lebanon war.

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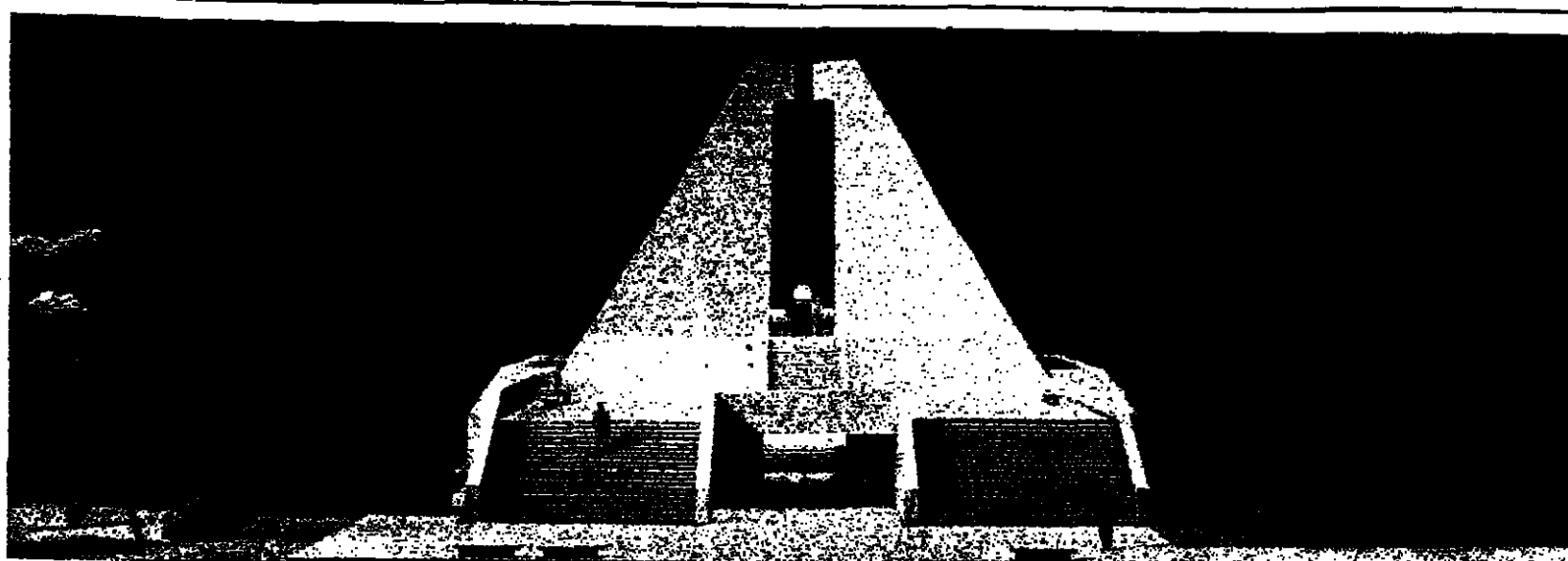


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A MONUMENT TO PEACE

By PAUL MENDES-FLOHR / Special to The Jerusalem Post



A model of the Gateway to Peace monument that is to be constructed at the entrance to the Japanese town of Kurose. Right: Fumikatsu Inoue.



(Shuki Kook)

ON A CHILLY morning last November, the town council of Kurose, a suburb of Hiroshima, met before a Shinto shrine to consecrate its decision to sponsor an Auschwitz memorial. As the elders of Kurose gathered in silence before the shrine, reverentially adorned with fruits and flowers and bearing a model of the proposed monument, a Shinto priest solemnly intoned a blessing and formally dedicated the monument.

Designed by Fumikatsu Inoue, a Japanese architect who has lived in Israel for the past 16 years, the monument will be completed in the summer of 1984. Most of the \$4 million needed for the project will be raised by individual contributions from throughout Japan.

The memorial — a dramatic structure that is rich in symbolism — will serve as a gateway to the town of Kurose, which lost many of its residents in the World War II attack on Hiroshima. Kurose is now twinned with the Polish city of Oswiecim, better known by its German name, Auschwitz.

When the project is completed, the entrance to Kurose will be dominated by an imposing pair of white pylons, each 15 metres high. These towers are dedicated to the memory of the four million people who perished in Auschwitz. They also commemorate the parallel tragedy of Hiroshima.

The towers evoke the image of a pair of doves, facing each other, forming a Gateway to Peace.

The monument will provide a magnificent panorama of the quaint, red-gabled town, and in the base of the monument there will be a memorial pavilion that will house a museum, a library, lecture halls, a youth hostel and several small auditoriums. Materials for a permanent exhibition have been donated by the National Auschwitz Museum

in Poland, and additional material is currently being gathered in Israel and elsewhere. The landscaping for the memorial is being undertaken by Edward Bertman, professor of architecture at the University of Warsaw.

Also under consideration is a "peace village" adjoining the monument, which will serve as a

retreat for visiting scholars and spiritual leaders.

THE PROJECT has its roots in a 7,000-kilometre peace march from Hiroshima to Auschwitz by Hiroshima survivor Gyotoku Sato and four companions, who set out in February 1962.

This march was undertaken because the citizens of Hiroshima,

still numbed by the horror that had devastated their city, felt they could not ignore the parallel tragedy that befell the Jewish people. Thus, they sought to establish a link with the survivors of the Holocaust and, accordingly, in the following years the Hiroshima-Auschwitz committee was formed.

In 1973, the town of Kurose,

headed by its mayor, Shuso Hanabusa, undertook to forge a permanent link between the two tragedies by initiating a twinning arrangement with Oswiecim. And in 1981, the Kurose Town Council decided to erect an Auschwitz Memorial Pavilion, with the motto: "No More Hiroshimas, Never Again Auschwitz."

Says Hanabusa: "For humanity, the ultimate goal must be peace, and our town of Kurose has decided to undertake the creation of a monument that is dedicated to the cause of world peace."

THE DEEP emotional involvement of the Japanese in the Holocaust, as symbolized by Auschwitz, says memorial designer Inoue, ultimately stems from their realization that they were not alone in their tragedy. The contemporaneous tragedy of European Jewry — which has been the subject of study in Japanese secondary schools since the end of World War II — confirms their conviction that the nuclear nightmare that visited their nation was not an isolated incident but a universal calamity.

Although many Japanese, according to Inoue, are aware of the historical, political and ideological differences that distinguish the Nazi Holocaust from the nuclear catastrophe at Hiroshima, what ultimately joins these tragedies in the eyes of the Japanese is that, together, they reveal humanity's dreadful capacity to hide behind the anonymity of technology and to destroy millions of people.

The survivors of Hiroshima — and many Japanese such as Inoue who, while not directly affected by the catastrophe, view themselves as survivors in an existential sense — have resolved to sound the alarm of the fearsome possibility of similar outrages: "No More Hiroshimas, Never Again Auschwitz."

Private and personal

By CHAIM BERMANT / Special to The Jerusalem Post

I HAVE the face of a religious Jew and the head of a secular one. Or, to put it more clearly, I have a long beard and a bare head, and to those who don't know me, I must give the impression of an unfrocked priest.

I suppose in my everyday life I conform to most of the usages of the Orthodox Jew and I have colleagues (in London) who regard me as a religious fanatic, but I have always been conscious of even the slightest weight on my head and, therefore, unless I am actually at prayer, I rarely wear a hat.

This used to be merely a matter of personal idiosyncrasy, but it is hardening into principle, for I am beginning to feel that the truly religious Jew shouldn't want to wear a hat.

The thought first occurred to me

at the beginning of the *kippa* revival when I noticed that not only were heads which used to be bare now covered, but that those who used to wear one head-covering, now wore two. I began to think that those who wore two would soon be wearing three, and that the whole effort to keep a hat ahead had less to do with religion than with one-upmanship. The whole thing was becoming a fetish.

I also began to see that people's appearance did not always match their behaviour, as when I noticed a young man with a large *kippa* on his head, and *tsitrit* fore and aft, groping a young lady in the dark corner of a Jerusalem pizza parlour.

But these are minor matters. I began to have more serious misgivings after a visit to Kiryat Arba. I

have always been an opponent of the Gush Emunim and have sometimes denounced them in harsh terms.

"What are you getting so worked up about?" asked a friend, "Why don't you go to Kiryat Arba and you'll see the same sort of youngsters you and I knew when we were in Bnei Akiva and yeshiva."

Well, they weren't quite the same. For a start, when I was in Bnei Akiva and at yeshiva, we didn't have guns. Nevertheless,

their studiousness, dedication and zeal was impressive, and they displayed a level of Jewish scholarship which was unknown among my contemporaries, and which was not all that common among my elders.

Yet, I had to stop and ask myself: what did their devotion and study all amount to, for they seemed to combine their love of the Torah with a hatred of men which I had not experienced anywhere.

The object of their hatred was, of course, the Arabs: "You can't trust

them...they're vicious...murderous...the only thing they understand is force...the only good Arab is a dead Arab...We'll never be safe until we've sent them all packing." I had hoped to stay for a week; I fled after a day.

Some months, or even years, after my visit, someone sent me a clipping of Kishon's memorable piece about the knitted *kippa*. I don't recall his exact words, but his argument was that the knitted *kippa* represented a new type of *halutznik*

— zealous, patriotic, conscious and proud of his heritage, valiant, a *mesh*.

I wanted to write back to suggest that there wasn't a virtue which couldn't become a vice if pushed to excess, and to mention, by the way of illustration, my encounters in Kiryat Arba. But then I felt that the people I had met may not have been typical of Kiryat Arba (which in any case had a large turnover of personnel), and that Kiryat Arba may not be typical of the Gush Emunim and other West Bank settlements.

Since then, however, it has become clear that Kiryat Arba, if not perhaps typical, set the pace for all the rest, and that Hate Thy Neighbour was not merely the creed of this or that individual, but represented the philosophy of an

entire movement.

A few years ago, I was drinking coffee with an elderly Arab in Ramallah. He did not have happy memories of Hashemite rule, but could live with it, and he was even less happy with Jewish rule, but could live it.

The army, he agreed, was firm but not unfair, and the Border Police were not too bad. "But these people," he added — and he circled his finger over his head as if describing a halo — "these people are terrible... terrible." The knitted *kippa*, in Arab eyes, has become the badge of the bully and the thug, and I'm afraid I'm beginning to see it in the same light myself.

Chaim Bermant is a British writer who recently moved to Israel.

Missionary effort

MUSIC REVIEWS

ISRAEL SINFONETTA — Mendi Rodan conducting (YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, March 19). All Schoenberg programme: "Transfigured Night," opus 4 (1899-1917); Serenade, opus 24 (1923); Chamber Symphony No. 2, opus 39 (1939).

THIS PROGRAMME was a milestone in Israel's musical history. Schoenberg is not among the public's favourite composers, and rarely are his works included in orchestra or chamber music programmes. And Mendi Rodan had the courage to go for an all-Schoenberg programme in a special series for Beersheba, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Wisely he chose works from three different periods of the composer's writing: the earliest is still post-Wagnerian, late-romantic style; the second is represented by the Serenade, one of the first 12-tone compositions; and, finally, the Chamber Symphony is an example of a somewhat grudging return to tonality and more open romantic expression.

All three works were performed with utmost dedication by the Sinfonietta, which followed Rodan's inspiring directives with alertness and alacrity, putting life and sense into the most complex structures. The early string sextet is based on a poem by Richard Dehmel, a professor of history, with a most un-Victorian approach to the subject of an unwanted pregnancy. The piece is so full of emotional tension and programmatic content, expressed in chromatic "Tristan" language, that it can be fairly easily understood and enjoyed, despite its length and verbosity.

The Serenade — scored for clarinet, bass-clarinet, mandolin, guitar, violin, viola and cello — is an intellectually calculated work, brittle in texture, bold in conception. I doubt that in a single hearing, one can come away with much besides respect for the composer's erudition and appreciation of the players' excellent execution of their intricate

parts. Here the players were masterfully held together by Mendi Rodan. After this exercise, Schoenberg's return to a more understandable language in the Second Chamber Symphony was, no doubt, gratefully received by the listener.

The audience was large. Perhaps some misconceptions about Schoenberg's work were dispelled, if people were not turned into fans of his music.

Full honours to Mendi Rodan and his Sinfonietta for this missionary effort and its excellent presentation.

"EXPLORATIONS," Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Paul Sacher (Jerusalem Theatre, March 17). Marimba: Concerto for two String Orchestras, Piano and Timpani; Honegger: Symphony No. 4 ("Delicate Building"); Bartok: Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta.

PAUL SACHER has several claims to fame: he founded the Basel Chamber Orchestra and the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis and developed the music academy in his hometown, which he directed until his retirement. But his most important contribution to music history was the commissioning and premiering of works by con-

temporary composers. Most of them now form part of the standard repertoire.

Three of these works were presented in this programme — Martinu's Concerto dates from 1938, Honegger's Symphony was written in 1946, and Bartok's Music was composed in 1936. The works by these three — a Czech, a Swiss, and a Hungarian — have a common denominator — the expression of forward-looking musical ideas within the accepted norms and without gimmicks like clusters, aleatorics and extra-musical noises. Beyond this, the respective composers' individualities come out strongly in these works. Martinu's harsh, dynamic, dramatic language contrasts with Honegger's smooth workmanship.

Bartok's work, one of his best and widely known pieces, is full of

imaginative ideas — musical and rhythmic. It demands great precision in direction and execution to deal with the intricacies of dynamics and rhythm. It was here in particular, that the orchestra, not accustomed to the sweeping and a bit angular movements of the conductor, had difficulties in keeping together and maintaining the drive the quick movements demand for best effect.

It was quite an experience to have three masterworks in one evening, written for one orchestra. Paul Sacher's Chamber Orchestra, and history surely owes gratitude to Sacher for his role in their creation. It was also an experience to see the warm reaction of the full house — prolonged applause from an audience who surely must have been listening to unfamiliar music.

YOHANAN BOEHM

NEW DIMENSIONS IN MUSIC — Exotic Music, produced and directed by Joan Franks Williams; Meir Mindel: The Catch; Theo Leventi: Six Turkish Folk Poems; Minoru Miki: Time for Marimba; Joan Franks Williams: Ceremonies; Leon Schidlovsky: Ballad for Voice and Irish Minstrel Harp (performed by Sandra Johnson); R. Murray Schafer: Arcana (Tel Aviv Museum, March 15).

CONCENTRATING on exotic instruments and music written to strange texts, this New Dimensions programme differed considerably from all previous ones.

One work did not quite fit the framework of the evening, Meir Mindel's experimental *The Catch* for recorders and speaker. It expands the sound spectrum of the recorder and reflects a range of human emotions. Michael Melzer, handling the instruments and their dismantled parts with the alacrity of a juggler, gave the piece a brilliant performance.

Something very special, both in

melody and colour, were the *Six Turkish Folk Poems*, set for voice and an ensemble of seven instruments, by Theo Leventi. African melos and rhythm, heterophony and medieval Western techniques create beguiling textures. Soprano Gila Yaron was in full control of her voice and gave us a rich and convincing performance.

Time for Marimba by Japanese composer Minoru Miki provided enjoyment in full of this instrument's exotic beauty. The piece is also an extraordinarily alluring composition which, despite its use of the 12-tone technique, remains deeply rooted in Japanese aesthetics and leaves a deep and lasting impression. Alex Jacobovitch was a splendid performer, who never allowed virtuosity to blanket the unique musical message.

The greatest surprise of the evening was Joan Franks Williams' *Ceremonies* for mezzo soprano, two actors and an ensemble of 12 exotic instruments. All four movements of the piece are indeed ceremonial in character. The music evokes the spirit of strange casts, temple music of ancient cultures,

Chinese meditation, Japanese Kagaku court music, the Noh theatre, Greek temple cults and more. All these seemed to have inspired Miss Williams in her strange, but highly successful, experiment. Emilie Berendsen was officiating high priestess, her powerful voice and dramatic appearance contributing remarkably to the creation of a reality strangely removed in time and place.

Arcana by Murray Schafer for voice and ensemble of 10 instruments (Western) uses the 14 short sentences of an Egyptian hieroglyphic inscription. There are some strong moments in the score, but in general *Arcana* falls painfully short of expectations. Schafer fails to produce any particular language or atmosphere, and after a while boredom sets in, despite the forceful and expressive interpretation of Miss Berendsen.

The Turkish songs, *Ceremonies* and *Arcana* were conducted by Israel Edelson, who acquitted himself well. So did the many other artists, whose names, regrettably, cannot all be mentioned here.

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Consolidated balance sheet stands at \$11.6 billion Discount group had \$40.3m. profit

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Total profits of the Israel Discount Bank group increased from \$35.3 million in 1981 to \$40.3m. in 1982. The percentage of profits contributed by the bank's overseas activities, however, dropped, according to financial statements released yesterday by board chairman Rafael Recanat, and Eli Cohen, the chairman of the executive committee.

While in 1981 overseas profits, mainly from activities in the U.S., stood at \$15m., or 42 per cent of the total last year, they dropped to \$14.3m., or 35 per cent. This was mainly the result of a bad year the outlet in Montevideo had.

The balance sheet of the consolidated banking group, however, grew from \$9.7 billion in 1981 to \$11.6b. in 1982. The share of overseas banking activities grew from \$2.3b. in 1981 to \$3b. last year. Recanat pointed out that when considering the relative size of the Big Three banks, it is important to realize that Leumi and Hapoalim include most of their non-banking activities in their financial statements while at Discount there is a distinct separation. Only by combining all

the activities of Discount Bankholding Corporation, the parent company of the Discount Banking group with its other activities, such as the vast holdings of IDB Development, could a fair comparison be made, he said.

Recanat said that the consolidated balance sheet of IDB Bankholding would only be published in a few days. A preliminary calculation of profits showed, however, that they had risen from \$83m. in 1981 to \$12m. in 1982.

If the 1982 figures for the banking group alone are given non-deflated in shekels, the balance sheet rose by 157.4 per cent, to IS390,629 million; deposits rose by 159.7 per cent, to IS284,834m. Loans rose by 142 per cent, to IS78,613 m.; capital means rose by 181 per cent, to IS12,771m; and net after-tax profits went up by 146.4 per cent, to IS1,358m.

Profits per share rose from 89 per cent in 1981 to 195 per cent last year. While 75 per cent bonus shares were issued in 1981, last year the percentage of these shares reached 100 per cent. However, in 1981 a 30 per cent cash dividend



Rafael Recanat

was granted; this year there was no such dividend.

The banking group has 170 branches in Israel, of which three were opened in Herzliya, Rishon LeZion and Tel Aviv. Despite the addition of these branches, the total number of workers grew in 1982 by less than one per cent, to stand at 7,181.

A rapid computerization of the branches is taking place, with 130 already equipped with terminals, and with 62 automatic tellers.

Delays in grain unloading cost millions of \$ Officials blame demurrage fees on unforeseeable factors

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The government continues to pay out large amounts of money for demurrage fees.

Yesterday three grain ships, the Arad, Har Sinai and Tel Aviv, were awaiting their turn to unload at the Dagon silo. The three ships, which are bringing a total of nearly 100,000 tons of grain, have together spent a total of 48 days waiting — at a cost of about \$8,000 a day. A fourth ship, the Besor, which arrived on February 20, was due to complete unloading yesterday.

Two more ships, bringing another 60,000 tons of grain, are due this Thursday and on April 2. They too will be forced to spend a considerable time waiting in the Bay.

A Dagon spokesman told The Post that the silo will again be forced to suspend unloading the ships operations today and tomorrow, until withdrawals from its 100,000-ton storage space make room for more grain to come in. He said that unloading had for months proceeded in fits and starts, as the silo was again and again filled to capacity.

Meir Yagil, director of government trade in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which imports the grain, admitted to The Post that there had been "substantial losses." But he attributed the delays to a series of difficulties which were hard to control.

These included a reduced demand for feed-grain, owing to the rainy winter, which had made more grazing possible. This factor could not have been foreseen and it took some time to adjust import arrangements to it. The rains also made

Lapidot to invest \$4 million in oil exploration this year

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lapidot, the national oil drilling company, will invest \$4 million in exploration this year, managing director Haim Pocker said yesterday.

Pocker, who is scheduled to leave his position soon, said that Lapidot has managed to get into the black over the past five years, though Israel's overall production is still minimal — 82,000 barrels of oil and 38 million cubic metres of natural gas (which equals 320,000 barrels of oil) per year.

Three oil rigs are in operation now and three more are ready to become operative within a few months. The company owns a total of 10 rigs capable of drilling to a depth of 7,500 metres.

Lapidot provides all services con-

needed with drilling. Since the 1960's, when all foreign contractors gave up exploring in Israel, the company has enjoyed a monopoly.

However, Lapidot may be facing competition again soon, according to financial manager Dov Baharav. The recession in the U.S. has made drilling equipment very cheap, and this may encourage private contractors to compete with Lapidot, he said.

Israel's first oil field, Heletz in the northern Negev, has produced a total of 16 million barrels since it was discovered in the middle 1950s. It is now almost depleted.

National oil consumption is 160,000 barrels a day, of which local sources supply only 270.

Lapidot's new director will be Elsha Roth, a former director of the Israel National Oil Company.

Gulf oil spill threatens Mid-East water supplies

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP). — Blown-out oil wells in the war zone between Iran and Iraq have spewed nearly 10 million gallons of oil into the Gulf, threatening water supplies throughout the region, an oil pollution monitoring service says.

The out-of-control wells belong to Iran and Iraq has threatened to attack anyone who tries to plug them.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and other Persian Gulf nations obtain large amounts of drinking water by removing salt from sea water, which could be fouled by the oil.

The spillage began about February 7, when a well that had been capped and had been weakened by rusting blew out. The situation worsened on March 7, when Iraqi warships damaged six other wells nearby.

Koreans to Lebanon to repair phone lines

SEOUL (AP). — South Korea plans to send about 120 technicians to Lebanon early next month to repair war-damaged telephone systems in and around Beirut, the Lucky Development Co. said last week.

Lucky said that travel expenses and wages for the Korean technicians will be borne by the Seoul government, while telephone lines and other supplies will be provided by Lebanon.

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New flexible fibre is as strong as steel Textile industry prepares for growing robotization

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Workers are disappearing from the textile industry, but more technicians and engineers will be needed to supervise and service the robots, computers, television cameras and other automated devices which will replace people who operate sewing and cutting machines. This is the picture Gad Alon, president of the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion, painted for reporters here yesterday.

Students attending the college today will reach the peak of their careers in the 21st century, he said, and the school has to prepare them for the technological changes they will face. The question of how to do this was discussed at the annual board of governors meeting held last week, which gave Alon and his faculty the go-ahead to develop new teaching and research programmes.

Alon said that a cotton mill can now produce the same amount of material with 12 workers that it took 150 workers to turn out in the 1960's. This, however, is not the only change, he said. Traditional raw materials used in industry are being replaced by new ones, many of them textile fibres. There is one fibre, for instance, which is as strong as steel while at the same time it is completely flexible. Textiles are also being used in medicine and are no longer limited to

clothing and home use. This will increase the demand for technologists and chemists in the textile field, who are among the professionals Shenkar trains now.

The college recently opened a computerized centre for colour measurement. A sample of a desired colour can be fed into the computer, which then provides a "recipe" for how this exact colour can be produced on a given type of material. Sometimes, alternative "recipes" are provided, so that the most cost-efficient one may be chosen.

A computerized pattern-making centre is the next new development on the agenda.

Prof. Alon said that 70 per cent of the college's 900 graduates are employed in the textile and fashion fields, with many of them having reached senior positions in management and designing. He added that in other professions, including engineering, a much lower percentage of graduates find work in their field. Shenkar is proud of its record, he added.

IMF stand-by for Turkey

ANKARA (Reuters). — International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Turkish officials opened talks last week on a one-year standby loan to Turkey due to replace a three-year \$1.6 billion credit which expires in June, officials said.



WHAT'S ON

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Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- A medium machine (5)
- Handy Walter (5)
- Slav animal? (7)
- Initial rush (5)
- Approaches the listener in very different ways (5)
- It's staked for many a purpose (5)
- They're no stains (7)
- Scurriously dog? (3)
- Publicity for a stopper (4)
- Jam thinly applied? (6)
- He may take Des in (5)
- Plant for pussy to pinch (6)
- Wood that's soft in a way (4)
- Fishy sounding city? (3)
- Everything in the display is superficial (7)
- Jumps on the bowling green! (5)
- Fail to consume a stew, possibly (5)
- It's knocked out with a club (5)
- Seraphic messenger, I see (7)
- Is told of a new share (5)
- Like a good role for a ham? (5)

DOWN

- 2 Sell some sweets in a bar (6)
- 3 That of a leap year? (6)
- 4 It's almost a toss up whether he's drunk or sober (3)
- 5 An author's sources (5)
- 6 Have they a craze for the Civil Service? (7)
- 7 Artistic in white marble (4)
- 8 Come to the end of the trousers! (4, 2)
- 9 Crawl like an unple-

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Standard measurement (5)
- Calendar division (5)
- Skilled worker (7)
- Semi — precious stone (5)
- Revolves (5)
- Presses (5)
- Passionate (7)
- Meadow (3)
- Prison, slang (4)
- Lids (6)
- Metal Block (5)
- London borough (6)
- Lake (4)
- Take to court (3)
- Rests (7)
- Store (5)
- Watercourse (5)
- Weird (5)
- Reverses (7)
- Actor's remark (5)
- Pronounce (5)

DOWN

- Silver (6)
- Collect (6)
- Before (3)
- Bishop's head-dress (5)
- Sailor (7)
- Burden (4)
- Offer (6)
- Applying (5)
- E.g., the Scillies (5)
- Name (5)
- Sussex town (5)
- Fools (5)
- Heavenly body (5)
- Opposite (7)
- Checks accounts (6)
- Unassuming (6)
- Abuse (6)
- Wanderer (5)
- Act (4)
- Flightless bird (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS — 3, Keeps. 8 Relay. 10 Hedy. 11, S-U-N. 12, De-use. 13, Big-gles. 15, Ta-M-es. 18, Was. 19, Solent. 21, Capital. 22, Moor. 23, Idea. 24, Je-aki-as. 26, Adored. 29, Fat. 31, Notes. 32, Funeral. 34, Still. 35, Not. 36, Me-Lee. 37, Adde-R. 38, Tlpe.

DOWN — 1, Rests. 2, Gang war. 4, Exos. 5, Pistol. 6, Stiel. 7, Sheen. 9, Bin. 12, Kneiled. 14, Act. 16, Adapt. 17, Erode. 19, Traffic. 20, Pluto. 21, Andes. 23, Scratch. 24, Peste. 25, Eat. 27, Earty. 28, Mier. 1, Blend. 32, Vile. 33, Lee.

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ACROSS — 3, Astr. 8, Cabin. 10, Issue. 11, Fig. 12, Ketch. 13, Pennant. 15, Heave. 18, Joe. 19, Tender. 21, Antlers. 22, Long. 23, Spud. 24, Perfect. 26, Teemed. 29, Far. 31, Oasis. 32, Vally. 34, Stoir. 35, Tea. 36, Stof. 37, Seent. 38, Refer.

DOWN — 1, Caper. 2, Signig. 4, Siet. 5, Riches. 6, Ashen. 7, Curve. 9, Bin. 12, Kneiled. 14, Act. 16, Adapt. 17, Erode. 19, Traffic. 20, Pluto. 21, Andes. 23, Scratch. 24, Peste. 25, Eat. 27, Earty. 28, Mier. 1, Blend. 32, Vile. 33, Lee.

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Reality moves in

THE OMENS seem to be good that in the not too distant future the current talks with Lebanon will be successfully concluded, if only because Israel has been scaling down its demands and is evidently planning to scale them down even further. There is a reassessment of policy at work in the cabinet, resulting in part from the change of guard at the Defence Ministry and in part from the foreign minister's failure, on his recent visit to Washington, to move the U.S. closer to Israel's position.

Guarantees of normalization were not long ago described in Jerusalem as a fair substitute for some measure of Israeli involvement in the security of Lebanon. Now, it seems, the cabinet is becoming resigned to the prospect that these guarantees would not only not find expression in any formal peace treaty, but would not, for the most, be formal at all.

Thus Israel may end up keeping an enlarged "good fence" with Lebanon, but without much of a declared commitment to that effect. And there is the possibility that Israel could end up with less direct military control over the situation in South Lebanon than it exercised before the launching of Operation Peace for Galilee.

For appearances' sake, the cabinet is still adhering to the view that IDF-manned military posts in South Lebanon are essential, even if only for a limited duration, to prevent PLO terrorist infiltration into the area. But the idea is adamantly opposed by the Lebanese, who cite their right of sovereignty to their entire land, and since the Americans support this Lebanese position, it has become inflexible. The U.S. stand in this matter is in fact reported to have hardened in the last few days.

Eventually Israel may have to content itself with an arrangement that grants it only a measure of oversight in security matters in South Lebanon, jointly with the Lebanese themselves and with the Americans. The open question is how strong the cooperation between Israel and Lebanon military would be.

The U.S. proposal would largely entrust the policing of the South to an elite Lebanese unit to be trained and equipped by the Americans. This unit would be aided by some of the multinational force now deployed in the Beirut area.

The proposal, of course, hinges on the assumption that there will be a withdrawal of all foreign forces, excepting the international ones, and including the Syrians. The attitude of Damascus on this point is somewhat ambiguous. Strategic interests in the Bekaa, and the support of the local Shi'ite population, would seem to argue against a Syrian pullback, despite an avowal of consent to it in principle.

Mainly it is in Israel's interest that the Syrians should withdraw their troops from Lebanon, even though not at any price. By the same token it is in Israel's interest, also, that its own troops should be withdrawn. The cost of Israel's continued deployment in Lebanon — in lives, financial overextension, and a straining of the ties with the U.S. — dictates as early a return of the IDF home as possible.

The government's difficulty lies in no small measure in the fact that it has hoped to stage an exit that would be formally recognized as a victory, both military and political. This appears feasible no longer. In the circumstances, it would be safer to forgo the ambition for grand formal deals.

Instead, it might be to Israel's advantage to work for *de facto* agreements with local forces in the South — the Haddad militia, the Shi'ites and even the pre-1970 Palestinians — that are willing, for their own protection, to ward off the terrorist threat.

NEW SETTLEMENTS

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more serious political impasse than before.

Labour's Yossi Sarid called the decision "a tombstone for Middle East peace prospects."

Labour's Ya'acov Tsar said that the decision proved that the government had lied to the Knesset, when it said last week that no such settlement plan existed. The Knesset Presidium and later the House Committee had both been misled deliberately, he said, and the Knesset thus prevented from debating the issue.

"The government wants to torpedo Jordan's entry into the peace process far more than it wants to settle Judea and Samaria," Tsar said.

Reacting to the decision, Peace Now last night issued a statement casting doubt on the government's

desire to continue with the peace process. The statement said that Israel is not telling the truth when it says that it has no prior conditions for negotiations. In fact, the government is establishing such conditions all the time by setting up new settlements and imposing Israeli law in Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

The government is thus defrauding the Israeli public which for the most part wants the participation of Hussein in the peace process, the statement concluded. In contrast, Gush Emunim expressed satisfaction with the decision. It reported, "Dozens of groups have been waiting a long while to settle in these spots, the Gush Emunim spokesman said."

Meanwhile, the first residents — 15 families — of the new town Efrat will today begin moving into the site in the Gush Etzion bloc.

VOTE

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a second Lebanon where certain jobs are reserved for certain communities. We are all one nation, and must not perpetuate differences. If Ashkenazi boys could identify with Navon, then Sephardi boys can identify with whoever the new president is."

Only one Tami MK — Aharon Abuhateira — has announced that he will support Elon, whose candidacy he sponsored. It is not quite clear how Rubin will vote, and Absorption and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan is believed to lean towards Herzog.

Labour believes that all three will vote for Herzog because his son is married to the daughter of millionaire Nessim Gaon, Tami's financial patron.

But in the coalition the postponement of legislation on aid for larger families is seen as binding Tami "to behave itself in the vote, and not lay itself open to charges of having betrayed the coalition" in the crucial vote.

Aguda's Avraham Shapira yesterday denied that his party might vote for Herzog in retaliation for the defeat yesterday of the amendment to the Law of Return. The Aguda move was foiled by the Liberals, he

noted, but Aguda is "hardly likely to prevent the election of a president whose choice is so important to us. This would be the first time that we have an observant president, and we consider this a great achievement for religious Jewry," he explained.

The coalition is also confident that the Liberals will toe the line, since none of them has voiced any opposition to the Elon candidacy.

The two members of the erstwhile Telem faction — Minister-without-Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigal Hurvitz — are also seen as Elon voters, although Herzog was a fellow member of Rafi in the early sixties.

Likud sources are warning their coalition partners of "grave consequences" should the coalition suffer a defeat. Begin will consider it "a personal affront," they say. They believe that there will not be too many defections, since none of the coalition wants a shake-up now.

But the Alignment thinks "all coalition figures are meaningless" since no one can safely predict the outcome of a secret ballot. "People may promise to vote a certain way, but do as they wish in the polling booth. No one can detect a defection. Herzog will win," a Labour MK predicted.

A FEW WEEKS AGO, a friend who is conversant with the cross-currents in American society said to me: "When the first Marine is killed around Beirut, a growing demand will compel the Reagan administration to recall the entire American contingent from Lebanon."

As this is being written, no American soldier has been killed in Lebanon, and I fervently hope that none will be killed. But a few have been wounded by Arab attackers, and a demand to recall all American troops may well arise, thus causing another zig-zag in American policy.

Ominously, attempts are afoot in Washington to deflect attention from these attacks by alleging evil provocations on the part of Israel against the Marines. However that may be, before a further change occurs, America's present policy — aptly characterized by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis as connoting "difficult relations" between the U.S. government and Israel — might be usefully analysed as to its basic rationale and objectives.

There is another reason for doing this now. As a result of the replacement of Ariel Sharon by Moshe Arens at the Defence Ministry and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to Washington, it is generally assumed that negotiations over Lebanon will be resumed in a better atmosphere and, with the United States taking a forceful lead, that there will be an early settlement and an accelerated return of the IDF to Israel.

The hope — by no means the certainty — in Israel is that this assumption is well-founded and that the terms of the settlement, largely formulated by the United States, will not seriously jeopardize Israeli security.

Strategic, economic and other rational and national-interest-motivated considerations are, of course, not the only significant factors in the shaping of American policy. Special interests play a role as well, and so do emotional attitudes ranging from identification through sympathy and antipathy down to plain hostility.

UNDERSTANDING U.S. POLICY

By BENJAMIN AKZIN

The role of emotions is smaller in the United States, in other Western countries and in Communist states than, for example, in the Arab world; but it is still there. And where Jews and Israel are concerned, this role is particularly significant. It would be futile and self-deluding to explain policies without taking emotional attitudes into consideration.

Finally, even non-emotional, national-interest-motivated attitudes reflect different schools of thought among policy-makers — in Washington as well as in other capitals. But at any given time, one school of thought prevails and determines current policy. It is the rationale behind present American policy in our region that I propose examining. At the moment, but at the moment only, this policy concentrates on Lebanon, and so will this article.

IS AMERICAN governmental interest focused primarily on preserving Lebanon's sovereignty and integrity? Hardly. Were it so, Washington would have tried to stop PLO and Syrian encroachments in Lebanon during the long period from 1971 and until June 1982, when Israel began its campaign aimed at destroying the PLO strongholds in Lebanon but also, in so doing, at giving Lebanon a chance to regain its independence and — worst of crimes — at achieving formal peace between the two countries.

Even now, Washington's efforts are mainly directed towards the early withdrawal of Israeli troops while insisting less on, and merely expressing "hope" that, PLO and

Syrian formations will do likewise.

In this respect, Washington seems to satisfy itself with vague promises such as it would certainly refuse to accept were they to come, for instance, from the Soviet Union with regard to arms limitation.

Is it concern for Israel's security, as expressed in the often-repeated "commitment" formula? To an extent, yes — if not in the minds of all policy-planners and decision-makers, at least as far as official American policy goes. But here again, Washington tries to persuade Israel (and possibly itself as well) that in case of need it would make good the "guarantees" it offers.

The truth is that American soldiers will not be sent to do battle for Israel — not that Israel wants them to be so sent — any more than they would be sent to actually fight for Lebanon, for Afghanistan, for Poland, for Yugoslavia, for Turkey or for Greece. Western Europe, Saudi Arabia and Central America are the other foreign areas for which American soldiers might do battle in certain circumstances in the country's present mood.

DOES WASHINGTON regard Israel as a dependable ally? Yes. The former baseless fear that a Jewish state might prove amenable to Communism has been replaced long ago by the conviction that the people of Israel are firmly committed to remaining part of the free world, more so in fact than certain important segments in the populations of NATO countries.

But does Washington regard itself as Israel's ally? I wonder. Its attitude is rather (and understandably) that of a patron Great Power

towards a somewhat bothersome client state. No real alliance could be reconciled with acts such as instructions to the Marines in Lebanon to refuse contact with Israeli forces (while French and Italian contingents maintain such contact without ever pretending to be Israel's allies), withholding and postponing the implementation of agreements concerning the exchange of information or the supply of parts relating to armaments, or the publication of political plans concerning an ally without prior consultation with that ally.

The acts referred to are far too sharp to be explained merely on the basis of existing "tactical" differences. I might add to this brief catalogue the request conveyed to the mayor of New York to avoid travelling from Israel to Lebanon, coupled with the suggestion that he should proceed there by way of Damascus — an act which, if it signifies anything beside deliberate rudeness, indicates that Washington considers the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon more tolerable than the presence of Israeli forces.

Is it concern for Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states that explains recent American moves? This again would make no sense. Recent developments in the oil markets of the world have greatly reduced the hold of these states on the American economy, while politically they depend utterly on American support against both internal and international threats to their regimes.

IN SEEKING to explain recent American moves, there is but one rationale (other than the so-called "Bechtel-Saudi Connection,"

which would not do justice to the proclivity of leading American statesmen) that makes sense. This is a desire to detach Syria from the Soviet orbit and to bring it into the American orbit.

The Gulf states and Jordan are regarded by Washington as safe in this respect. So is Egypt since the 1970s. Efforts are underway to change Iraq's orientation, and despite the absence of formal diplomatic relations between the two countries Washington believes this objective to be attainable.

And so now an attempt is being made to bring Syria, and ultimately all but the pro-Iranian and pro-Libyan segments within the PLO as well, into the fold. Whether this objective is realistic, and whether — if attainable — it is worthwhile jeopardizing the future of dependable Israel for the sake of gaining the adherence of notoriously volatile Arab regimes, is another question.

But if that recent trend in American policy, which is viewed in Israel with growing concern, represents more than mere State Department routine, lack of empathy, or crass commercial interests, this conception of detaching Syria and most of the PLO from a pro-Soviet orientation is the only apparently rational explanation of the trend.

I sincerely hope that this analysis is wrong. But it could be correct. In view of this possibility, I believe it necessary to confront the appropriate Israeli, and possibly also the American, circles with its implications.

In conclusion, I wish to apologize for the seemingly one-sided approach taken in the preceding lines to the problem of American-Israeli relations. Possibly, an analysis of Israeli moves would raise as many questions. But a newspaper article can deal only with that much and no more. And the issue to which the present article was devoted was that of the would-be rational basis of American policy.

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READERS' LETTERS

DISASTROUS SCHISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It was with alarm and foreboding that I learnt of the sudden withdrawal of Herut and the General Zionist Organization from the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to constitute a rival organization, the National Zionist Council of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Zionists in this country can afford only one umbrella organization, which must be strong enough to accommodate groups from all parts of the political spectrum and which, while permitting free debate within its ranks, should speak on behalf of British Zionists with one voice. This crude attempt to supplant the traditional Zionist movement with a right-wing counterpart smacks of political opportunism. It is ironic that the perpetrators of this disastrous schism are those very people who have spent the past nine months using any means at their disposal to silence all opposition to their political philosophy on the grounds that they were protecting the community from internal division.

Now is the time for all true Zionists to close ranks and show solid support for the Z.F. directly or through their local affiliated organization or council and work towards the common aims of all Zionists, which are:

a) The unity of the Jewish people and the centrality of Israel in Jewish life.

b) The ingathering of the Jewish people in its historic homeland through Aliya from all countries.

c) The strengthening of the State of Israel which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace.

d) The preservation of the identity of the Jewish people through the fostering of Jewish and Hebrew education and of Jewish spiritual and cultural values.

e) The protection of Jewish rights everywhere.

It is to these aims that the Glasgow Zionist Organization has always pledged itself and its resolve will not be weakened by these misinformed and divisive elements within our community.

NIGEL ALLON, Chairman
Glasgow Zionist Organization.
Glasgow.

BRITISH HYPOCRISY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a British citizen, I feel compelled to write to you and let you know how I and many of my friends feel about our British hypocrisy in the matter of the suggested nomination of Eliahu Lankin as Israel's Ambassador to Britain.

Has the world forgotten the time Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus was arrested and exiled to the Seychelles for his terrorist activities? A few years later, he was in-

stalled in the governor's residence in Nicosia and the British were bowing and scraping to him. The part he played in the death of many British servicemen was forgotten.

Anything Israel does is wrong in the eyes of the nations. But never mind — you have the greatest power of all on your side — that of Almighty God.

MARGARET LAMERTON
Taunton, Somerset.

CHIEF RABBI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the matter of elections for a new Chief Rabbi, I wonder whether consideration has ever been given to the selection of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. There has been much speculation as to why he does not come to live in Israel. Maybe the reason is that he has not been cordially invited to do so by the

government, as a candidate to head the Chief Rabbinate.

Although I am not a Lubavitcher follower, I recognize that there is not another rabbi of his stature living today and that by his standards he possesses the ability required for this post. (It would be interesting to see whether he would accept.)

Bnei Brak. SIMRA BEREL

LIVER TRANSPLANT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Margery Greenfield's article of February 13, "Fighting for Life."

Pittsburgh is not the only place in the world where liver transplant operations are performed and Dr. Starzl is not the only surgeon in the world performing liver transplants on young children. This same service is performed at the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Dr. John Najarian and his staff doing this surgery. Recently, little one-year-old Jamie Fiske of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, had a liver transplant performed by Dr. Najarian at the University of Minnesota Hospitals; she has now passed the third month of recovery with great success and is well on the road to complete recovery.

MRS. NATHAN GOTTESMAN
Minneapolis.

Margery Greenfield comments: This information was based on a long interview with the parents of five-year-old David, Professor Yigal and Dr. Azara Horowitz. It is good news indeed that the procedure is being performed in other places by other physicians, making such life-saving surgery more widely available.

NEXT PRESIDENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The ordinary people of Israel will react favourably to the idea that Chaim Herzog MK may become their next President. He is held in high esteem, not only for his brilliance at the UN where he was Israel's Ambassador, but also for his broadcasts to the people during the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War, which did so much to allay their fears and calm their nerves.

JAQUELINE HARRIS
Netanya.

BANANAS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After seeing the advertisement on TV for grapefruits, I am eagerly waiting to see the ad they will do for bananas.

MRS. ANDI BAR-NIV
Ra'anana.

MONKEY TRIAL

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The creationist movement has attempted to use scientific arguments to bolster the version of creation portrayed in Genesis, and has persuaded some U.S. state legislatures to have schools teach the biblical version of creation on an equal basis with the theory of evolution.

Brainerd, one of the conference organizers, said the creationist attempt to give a scientific basis to creation was impossible and unnecessary.

Prof. Cyril Domb, of Bar-Ilan University, said the Genesis account could not be presented as an alternative scientific theory, since its acceptance is based on faith and thus above science.

The aims of the conference were to explain that it is incorrect to present the theory of evolution as unchallengeable, and to show that much of it has been refuted.

The Education Ministry circularized all schools urging teachers, principals and supervisors to attend. Only a handful did.

Domb said that the theory of evolution had done "enormous moral damage to western society over the last 150 years" by encouraging the belief in man's animal nature and a meaningless universe. He said that evolution should be taught as a tentative theory which could eventually be superseded.

Arguments against Darwin's theory included the following:

- The absence of transitional forms of life linking various species disproves Darwin's contention that the species evolved through gradual mutations.
- Experiments "reconstructing" the accidental emergence of life billions of years ago mislead by assuming conditions in the earth's at-

mosphere that cannot be shown to have existed.

• Probability theory shows that complex forms of life could not have evolved during the time scientists ascribe to the age of the earth. The odds would be practically nil for the chemical building blocks of life to have combined by chance and survived in the "primeval soup."

Several Hebrew University scientists who accept evolution complained that it was impossible to conduct an authentic scientific debate at a conference where speakers made unsubstantiated factual and statistical assertions that could not be systematically disputed.

Some of these scientists said the Orthodox speakers had attacked evolution with scientific arguments, while refusing to subject their own beliefs to rational criticism.

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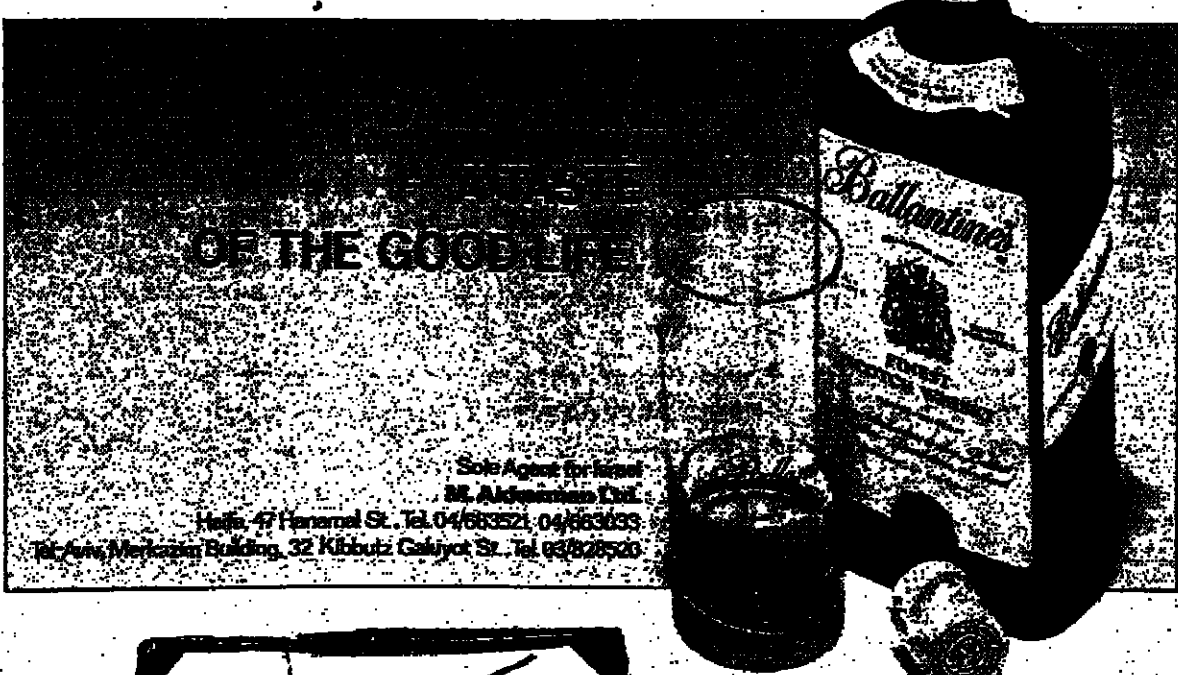
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